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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Warren Commission discussed a report that Lee Harvey Oswald had worked as an FBI undercover agent for more than [illegible] year before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, according to a recently declassified commission transcript.

Members of the commission, including the late Chief Justice Earl Warren and President Ford, who was then a Michigan congressman, discussed the report at a closed session on Jan. 22, 1964.

The transcript remained classified top secret for 11 years until released to Harold Weisberg, an author who had filed suit under the Freedom of Information Act. Weisberg has written numerous books and articles criticizing the Warren Commission investigation and [illegible] Oswald, acting alone, shot and killed Kennedy in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 22, 1963.

A copy of the transcript was obtained by The Associated Press.

At the start of the meeting, J. Lee Rankin, general counsel of the commission, said he had been told by Waggoner Carr, Texas attorney general, that "the word had come out that Oswald was acting as an FBI undercover agent and that they had the information of his badge which was given as number 179, and that he was being paid $200 a month from September of 1962 up through the time of the assassination."

Rankin said he had talked to

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[illegible] report was [illegible]

[illegible] denial of this [illegible] FBI records [illegible] Boggs [illegible] session member.

[illegible] "There was [illegible] connections with this [illegible] make a possible to check [illegible]

[illegible] Communist [illegible] said Ford. "I mean, [illegible] with the [illegible] of the others [illegible] certain [illegible]

[illegible] people [illegible] the only place [illegible] anything [illegible] with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee.

An unidentified speaker brought up tension between the [illegible] and the FBI and particularly its director, the late J. Edgar Hoover.

"That is somewhat an issue in this case, and I suppose you are all aware of it," said the speaker. Weisberg said that in all the transcripts he has obtained, only Rankin and Warren are not identified by name when they speak. He speculated that the speaker in this case was the chief justice.

"That is that the FBI is very explicit that Oswald is the assassin or was the assassin, and they are very explicit that there was was no conspiracy, and they are also saying in the same place that they are continuing their investigation," the speaker said.

"Now in my experience of the most [illegible] it is hard to get them to say when you think you have got a case tight enough to convince somebody that that is the person that committed the crime, in my experience with the FBI they don't do that. Why are they so eager to make both of these conclusions both in the official report and their experimental report, which is such a departure. Now that is just [illegible] evidence and it doesn't prove anything about this, but it raises questions."

[illegible] speaker said they "the FBI would like to have it [illegible] and quit."